

The Primary Source

Volume 13 | Issue 2

Article 1

1991

Entire Issue Volume 13, Number 2

Follow this and additional works at: <https://aquila.usm.edu/theprimarysource>



Part of the [Archival Science Commons](#)

Recommended Citation

(1991) "Entire Issue Volume 13, Number 2," *The Primary Source*: Vol. 13 : Iss. 2 , Article 1.

DOI: 10.18785/ps.1302.01

Available at: <https://aquila.usm.edu/theprimarysource/vol13/iss2/1>

This Complete Issue is brought to you for free and open access by The Aquila Digital Community. It has been accepted for inclusion in The Primary Source by an authorized editor of The Aquila Digital Community. For more information, please contact Joshua.Cromwell@usm.edu.



The Primary Source

A Quarterly Publication of The Society of Mississippi Archivists

Volume 13

Summer 1991

Number 2

ARCHIVISTS AND GENEALOGISTS: NATIONAL DIALOGUE AND MISSISSIPPI CHALLENGE

For the second year in a row, the Society of American Archivists has on its annual meeting program a session which focuses on genealogical research and archives. In Seattle, the session was entitled "In Defense of Genealogy" and featured two archivists - Peter Quinn and Dennis Rowley - as well as National Genealogical Society Quarterly Editor Elizabeth Shown Mills. In Philadelphia, the session will focus on use of archives to document Afro-American family history in a session entitled "Et tu Brute: My Mother the Genealogist."

These sessions serve to remind us that whether we like it or not, archivists and genealogists are finding that they have much common ground, and they need to begin a serious and ongoing dialogue which should lead to increased cooperation and mutual benefits. Peter W. Bunce stated in his article in the NGS Newsletter that "genealogists and family historians form the single largest user group served by federal, state, and local repositories." No longer then should archivists cringe when researchers say they have come to do some "family history"; neither should genealogists expect all records to be indexed by name or all staff to be willing to listen to another story about great-grandfather. Both groups must learn about the other and then work to build on the relationship of mutual dependency. Elizabeth Shown Mills, also writing in the NGS Newsletter, reminds us that genealogists are "entirely dependent upon the good will of record keepers," but that when good relationships exist with archivists, genealogists may be active in solicitation of manuscript materials or financial gifts for an institution or in persuading legislators of the need to fund public archives.

As we archivists in Mississippi face staffing freezes and budget cuts coupled with increasing numbers of users, perhaps we should reexamine existing relationships with our constituents who are interested in family history. We are probably going to see continually increasing numbers of patrons doing genealogical research. Patrick Quinn, in his recent article in The Chronicle of Higher Education, named four reasons for the increased interest in genealogy which he says are "bound up with the fabric of American culture" as we know it in the last decade of the 20th century. The first of these reasons is the mobility and diversity of our nation's population. We have always been a
(continued on page 3)

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Accessions.....	16
Acquisitions & Expansions.....	15
Calendar.....	12
Conservation News.....	10
Grants Activities.....	9
Mississippi News.....	4
National & Regional News.....	5
Publications.....	12

2025 MS
JAN 20 2001
PERMIT NO. 2001

The Primary Source (ISSN 074106563) is a quarterly publication of news and ideas produced by the Society of Mississippi Archivists, a non-profit organization of professional archivists and other interested persons.

Editorial Staff

Editor:	Sandra E. Boyd, University of Southern Mississippi
Assistant Editor:	Michael Hennen, Department of Archives and History
Book Review Editor:	Irmi Wolfe, University of Southern Mississippi
News Reporter:	Terry S. Latour, University of Southern Mississippi
Repository Reporters:	Jim Dawson, Lauderdale County Archives
	Jerry Goodwin, Lauren Rogers Museum of Art
	Mattie Sink, Mississippi State University
Production	
Coordinators:	Connie Lingle, University of Southern Mississippi
	Elaine Owens, Department of Archives and History

SMA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President (1990-1991)

Mattie Sink
Special Collections, Mississippi State University,
Starkville, Mississippi

Vice-President/President Elect

Lynne Mueller
Special Collections, Mississippi State University,
Starkville, Mississippi

Secretary-Treasurer

Alice G. Cox
Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission, Mississippi
College, Clinton, Mississippi

Board Members (1990-1992)

Irmi Wolfe
Cook Library, University of Southern Mississippi,
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Cynthia Lewis
Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi

Board Members (1991-1993)

Terry Latour
McCain Library and Archives, University of Southern
Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

H.T. Holmes
Mississippi Department of Archives and History,
Jackson, Mississippi

Membership Committee Chair

Carol West
Mississippi College Law Library, Jackson, Mississippi

Nominations Committee Chair

Will Henson
Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History,
Meridian, Mississippi

Finance Committee Chair

Irmi Wolfe
Cook Library, University of Southern Mississippi,
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

FALL ISSUE.....OCTOBER 1
WINTER ISSUE.....JANUARY 15
SPRING ISSUE.....MAY 1
SUMMER ISSUE.....JULY 1

(continued from page 1)

nation on the move, but since 1945, movement has increased and has allowed fewer opportunities for sharing family traditions and ancestral information. According to Quinn's view, by the time of the American Bicentennial in 1976, few people had preserved details, either written or oral, about their ancestry, and curiosity began to stir. Other reasons cited by Quinn are "generational distance" and the breakup of the traditional family. In both of these situations, as the family is no longer able to provide information about earlier generations, questions must be asked of others and research done in archives and libraries. A final reason for the surge of interest in genealogy is what Quinn calls "the cultural vacuity of American life." He suggests that a homogenization has taken place and that the efforts at "deindividualizing" both culturally and personally have prompted individuals to begin a search for their own identity through genealogical research.

Quinn states that genealogy is not the pursuit of trivia, that interest in such research "flows from our deeply felt psychological, sociological, and even political and spiritual needs as we approach a new century." Quinn makes an even more important point in the following sentences: "Genealogical inquiries can discover more than lines of descent. Long-lost traditions and values often are reclaimed. Finding one's own roots can bring a sense of security in our mobile, rootless world. In the process, ordinary citizens learn to use public records and develop a new engagement with history. It may not be grand scholarship, but it is, nonetheless, genuine historical research. We can only benefit when consciousness of the importance of history is raised."

As archivists and genealogists work together in Mississippi on projects of mutual benefit, we too raise the consciousness of the ordinary citizen in regard to historical materials, their value, and their need for preservation. History is made personal and tangible in such projects. Also more visible is the need for support of archival institutions at all levels in funding and various kinds of assistance. Even the potential outcome of cooperative efforts should encourage ongoing dialogue and increased cooperation. There can be exciting and very beneficial results!

Sources: The Chronicle of Higher Education, May 22, 1991.

NGS Newsletter, Vol. 16, #3, June 1990, and #5, September-October 1990.

--Sandra E. Boyd, Editor

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The SMA 1991-92 year has begun well with an annual meeting that featured speakers who inspired us to fresh effort on behalf of Mississippi archives, and a good first Executive Council meeting. Thanks to all who have volunteered to serve on a committee. Everyone who volunteered has been placed on a committee. We could still use more volunteers for the Education Committee. At the June Executive Council meeting, Council asked the Education Committee to investigate the possibility of sponsoring a Mississippi Archives Week in the fall of 1992. The committee will also consider other workshops and training opportunities for its members. Please contact Lynne Mueller, Education Committee Chair, at 325-7679 if you would be willing to serve on this committee.

Will Henson will chair the Ad Hoc Committee on Archival Advocacy and plans to recruit local officials and others to serve on this committee which will be working on strategies to effect the passage of additions and modifications to the 1981 Archives and Records Management Law. These changes are designed to place local government records under the current law, which only covers records at the state level. If you know of local government officials in your city or county who should be contacted about serving on the committee, please contact Will Henson at the Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History, P.O. Box 5511, Meridian, Mississippi, 39302-5511.

At the Executive Council meeting, members applauded the work of Julia Young, who will be leaving Mississippi to relocate to Arlington, Texas, in August. Julia has contributed much to the archival cause in Mississippi, including serving as SMA President. She has made an outstanding contribution in the area of education, planning and personally teaching several workshops for SMA, and of course, teaching archival courses at the University of Southern Mississippi. Most recently, she has been instrumental in the publication of SMA's Repository Directory, and is doing the final editing and preparation of the Women's Resources Guide. Julia will be sorely missed.

Please send all comments and suggestions for SMA activities to me at the following address: Mississippi State University Library, P.O. Box 5408, Mississippi State, Mississippi 39762. I can be reached Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at 325-7679.

--Mattie Sink, President

MISSISSIPPI NEWS

SCULPTURE UNVEILED IN CLARKSDALE

The Delta Blues Museum in Clarksdale, Mississippi, recently unveiled a lifesize sculpture of the late blues great, Muddy Waters. Waters was raised in Clarksdale along with several other blues musicians who gained fame through this traditional music. As another tribute to the legendary bluesman, rock group ZZ Top, whose music was influenced by Waters, has announced plans to raise \$1 million for a special Muddy Waters exhibit at the Blues Museum. For more information on the museum, write Sid Graves, Blues Museum, Carnegie Public Library, Clarksdale, MS 38614. (The Southern Register, Spring 1991)

COHEN SELECTED AS PROJECT DIRECTOR

Marcie A. Cohen recently was selected as project director for the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience in Utica, Mississippi. (History News Dispatch, July 1991)

SYMPOSIUM TO STUDY W.J. CASH AND THE MIND OF THE SOUTH

The 1991 Porter L. Fortune, Jr. Symposium on Southern History will take place October 9-11 and will have as its theme "W.J. Cash's The Mind of the South After 50 Years." In the half century since the book was first published, it has become a recognized classic in Southern history. For 50 years it has always been in print. The Vintage paperback edition continues to sell well, and Alfred A. Knopf, the original publisher, plans a 50th anniversary reprint of the hardcover edition. For more information about the 1991 symposium write or call Charles Eagles, Department of History, University of Mississippi, University, MS 38677; telephone: (601) 232-7733 or (601) 232-7148. (The Southern Register, Spring 1991)

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY CREATES COMPUTER INDEX

The Mississippi Department of Archives and History is creating a computer index of the first labor contracts that former slaves in the state entered into as free people in 1865 and 1866. The indexes will be stored on computer at the department's library in the Capers Building at 100 S. State Street, Jackson, MS 39205; telephone: 601-359-6876. (The Southern Register, Spring 1991)

LCDAH, INC. REPORTS ACTIVITIES

The Lauderdale County Department of Archives and History, Inc. reports a number of continuing activities. Staff members have completed a second oral interview project with the title "The Timber Industry During the Depression." The project was funded by the Mississippi Power Foundation; results will be published and copies provided to area schools and librarians. The department began microfilming county records on a part-time basis in late March and plans to go full-time with the operation in October. Work is beginning on a research project on the old Beeson Colleges located in Meridian from 1904 through 1922. Plans are to produce a traveling exhibit and program from the historical information that is located. The Records Management Program continues to be developed and nearly 100 publications are now being offered for sale by LCDAH, Inc. Write P. O. Box 5511, Meridian, 39302, for a list of these publications.

What Council Did on June 13, 1991

■ Approved minutes and treasurer's report and heard Carol West's membership report.

■ Heard an update on plans for the 1992 SAC meeting

■ Discussed reprinting the Directory.

■ Discussed publication of the Women's Guide; voted to support Julia Young as text editor and she will work directly with any repositories where there are questions. Forrest and Sandra will assist with indexing.

■ Appointed Will Henson chair of an Ad Hoc Archival Advocacy committee to be composed of members from across the state.

■ Reviewed automation user's group idea mentioned at annual meeting. Further information is needed before this group can be formed.

■ Discussed council member Terry Latour's upcoming sabbatical and how his absence from Council meetings should be handled. He will give his proxy for meetings he misses.

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL NEWS

BUSH PICKS TEXAS A&M FOR LIBRARY SITE

"The awesome challenge to recount for posterity the years of the Bush presidency now stands before the portals of Texas A&M University." President Bush has selected the College Station campus of Texas A&M, 110 miles northwest of Houston as the site for his presidential library.

Michael F. Halbouty, a longtime friend of the president, heads up the university's Bush Presidential Library Committee, which last year suggested putting the library on a 90-acre parklike site on the western edge of Texas A&M's 5200 square acre campus. While no design plans or projected costs have been revealed, the funding for the library is expected to be derived from private donations. (*Library Journal*, June 15, 1991)

BILL WOULD EASE LIMIT ON USE OF UNPUBLISHED MATERIAL

New legislation that would ease restrictions on the rights of historians and biographers to quote from unpublished documents appears to have a good chance of becoming law this year. Similar legislation failed last year when computer-software companies complained the bill would hamper their ability to prevent the pirating of programs. Minor changes in the wording of the bill make the new legislation more supportable by some groups which opposed earlier legislation.

The new legislation, introduced by Senator Paul Simon, would amend the federal copyright code to state that "The fact that a work is unpublished...shall not bar a finding of fair use." In comments on the Senate floor, Senator Simon, an Illinois Democrat, said the legislation would give courts the ability to more effectively "balance the interests of accurate scholarship and journalism against the right of authors and other copyright owners to control the publication or use of unpublished work." He said that in the Hubbard and Salinger cases the courts appeared "to have adopted a rule that would tip the scale against critical historical analysis." (*The Chronicle of Higher Education*, May 22, 1991)

PHYSICIAN ARRESTED IN THEFTS AT LC

A College Park, Maryland, physician was arrested in May in connection with a series of thefts of books and extracts from Library of Congress volumes. Thomas E. Duhadway, FBI special agent, and Thomas Jones of LC's Protective Services, said that, after a lengthy investigation, Harry Robert Katz was taken into custody on May 6 at the Library in possession of stolen materials and charged with theft of government property.

In a search of Mr. Katz's residence, boxes of allegedly stolen library material, including pages cut with razor blades from LC volumes, were seized; similar extractions from volumes identified with the University of Maryland Library were also seized. A number of "cuttings" from the books appear to relate to 19th and 20th century art and photography as well as mathematical writings. At the time of the arrest, preliminary FBI and Library estimates of recovered materials indicated their value was \$40,000. Later reviews placed the estimate at \$60,000. (*LC Information Bulletin*, June 3, 1991)

BLUMBERG CONVICTED

On Thursday, January 31, 1991, after listening to seven days of testimony, a U.S. District Court jury found Stephen Blumberg guilty on all felony counts with which he had been charged. He had pleaded insanity. He was convicted of one count of conspiracy to transport stolen property across state lines, two counts of transportation of stolen property, and one count of possession of stolen property. Blumberg will be sentenced by the presiding U.S. District Judge Harold Viotor on April 26, 1991. He faces a maximum penalty of 35 years in prison and \$1 million in fines. (*C&RL News*, April 1991)

INCREASED FUNDING SOUGHT FOR NATIONAL ARCHIVES

An increase of \$3 million over the Administration's \$182 million appropriation request for the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in fiscal year 1992 is being recommended by the National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History (NCC), a coalition of historical, archival, and genealogical organizations. Although the National Archives has received modest budget increases in recent years, the additional allocations have been used for expanding the presidential library system, building repairs, and inflationary costs. There has been little or no money for rebuilding the staff following the major reduction in force in 1982, catching up with the enormous backlog in processing of records,

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL NEWS

or meeting the challenges of accessioning and preserving electronic records. The NCC recommends that an additional \$30 million be appropriated for records appraisal and disposition, leadership in the area of preservation of electronic records, improvements in records description and servicing of records, preparation for the move to Archives II, an effective and continuing declassification program, and increased support for the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. (*NGS Newsletter*, Vol. 17, No. 3)

"SCARECROW" WINS PLAYWRIGHT COMPETITION

"Scarecrow," a play by Chuck Cummings, won the 1990 Archivist's Achievement Award in the National Archives One-Act Bill of Rights Playwright Competition. The play, based on records in the Georgia Regional Archives, tells the story of Essie Harris, a freed slave beaten and shot by the Klu Klux Klan during the Reconstruction period, who sought protection under the Bill of Rights. In three scenes, the one-hour play can be staged in communities and schools during the Bicentennial of the Bill of Rights. For information contact Chuck Cummings, 102C Crescent Court Dr., Decatur, GA 30030. (*History News Dispatch*, July 1991)

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA TURNS TO DIGITAL DISKS TO SAVE TAPED ORAL HISTORIES

The University of Alaska at Fairbanks is attempting to save more than 6,000 hours of oral history by Alaskans from eventual deterioration. Under Project Jukebox, as it is called, researchers are taking audio recordings captured in analog form on magnetic tape and converting them into digital form, like sound on a musical compact disk. According to Daniel L. Grahek, a data specialist with the University's Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, "Anything analog continually degrades. Plus, we can make as many copies of digital material as we want, with no decline in quality. You can't do that with regular tapes." Eventually, selected histories will be stored on CD-ROM--a compact disk with information in digital form--making them virtually indestructible as long as the disk itself is undamaged.

In addition to preservation, the project also is planned to improve access to the histories. For more information, contact Daniel L. Grahek, Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, Alaska and Polar Regions Department, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK 99775-1005; (907) 474-6672. (*The Chronicle of Higher Education*, June 12, 1991)

COMPACT DISK WILL OFFER CITATIONS ON DETERIORATING MATERIALS

Academic librarians who are seeking information about deteriorating materials will soon be able to search the Preservation MasterFile, a new compact disk with citations for 500,000 books and journals available on master microfilm negatives. The new data base includes information on more than 55,000 volumes microfilmed during R.L.G.'s eight-year preservation program, as well as citations obtained from the Library of Congress, the British Library, commercial publishers, and other sources.

The first edition of the disk was scheduled to be published July 1 by Chadwyck-Healey Inc. The annual subscription price for the disk, which will be updated and re-issued every six months, will be \$750. For more information, contact Eric Calauca, vice-president, Chadwyck-Healey, Inc., 1101 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; (800) 752-0515. (*The Chronicle of Higher Education*, June 5, 1991)

NAGARA GRASP PROJECT COMPLETED

Howard Lowell's 1986 study, *Preservation Needs in State Archives*, pinpointed the critical need for government archives to address their persuasive preservation requirements in a comprehensive and systematic way. With funding from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators (NAGARA) produced GRASP, a preservation planning instrument designed to analyze archival repositories' current and future preservation priorities. Based at the Georgia Department of Archives and History, GRASP project director Bonnie Curtin developed a planning instrument, consisting of three coordinated tools: a computer-assisted self-study, a manual, and a resource compendium.

Using artificial intelligence software, the computer program asks archivists multiple choice questions about preservation issues that affect archival functions. Based on the responses provided, the computer program analyzes the information and offers suggestions tailored to the repository's needs.

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL NEWS

To assure its usefulness and broad applicability, GRASP was tested from 1989-90 at 23 repositories, including state and local government archives and a non-government historical society. Although the original intent of this project was to provide a planning tool for state archives, the resulting product can be used by repositories of any size and scope. In February 1991, each state archives received two copies of GRASP. One copy is for use within the state archival institution; the second copy can be used by other interested repositories within the state. Arrangements also have been made with the Society of American Archivists for distribution of GRASP throughout the archival community. (Clearinghouse, Spring 1991)

DUKE UNIVERSITY RENAMES LIBRARY IN HONOR OF DONOR'S FAMILY

Duke University has received \$2.5 million from Ruth Lilly for its East Campus Library, to be renamed the Lilly Library, in honor of the donor's nieces and their families, all of whom have either graduated from, or are presently attending, Duke. The gift was celebrated with a reception in honor of Ruth Lilly in November. (C&RL News, May 1991)

PHOTO ID TO BE REQUIRED FOR LC USERS

Beginning June 3, all Library of Congress patrons will be required to show a photo identification to use materials in all of the Library's public reading rooms. The photo identification must show the researcher's name and address. The purpose of the program is to provide an additional means of securing the Library's collections and to insure the availability of the collections.

For their convenience, patrons using the collections will be issued a Library of Congress User Card, which will be accepted in all reading rooms. Due to the nature of certain collections, additional procedures and conditions of use may prevail in some reading rooms. Patrons using the collections will be required to show their photo identification each time they request items from the collections but they will not be required to enter their full name and address on each request if they have a User Card. Patrons who do not have a valid photo identification may be granted access to the Library collections according to each reading room's policies and procedures, but they will not be issued a User Card.

Future benefits of the User Card include automated ordering of materials through the on-line bibliographic data bases and facilitation of the use of the photocopying equipment with the longer term goal of implementing a centralized collections access system which would facilitate researchers' use of multiple reading rooms. (Library of Congress, Information Bulletin, June 3, 1991)

NEWS ABOUT ARCHIVES II

A \$139,257,000 contract has been awarded to the George Hyman Construction Co. of Bethesda, MD, for the general construction of the National Archives building at College Park, MD. Archives II will house all nontextual records, including architectural drawings, maps, motion pictures, electronic records, and still pictures, as well as most modern military and civilian agency textual records, including those of the State Department. The National Archives in Washington, D.C., will continue to serve as the center for research relating to naval history; other military history prior to World War I; legislative and judicial history; and genealogy. Construction is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 1993. (QAH Newsletter, May 1991)

NATIONAL ARCHIVES RELEASES REPORT ON EXPERT SYSTEMS

Expert Systems Technology and Its Implications for Archives, a new technical report by Avra Michelson of the Archival Research and Evaluation Staff, is the ninth in a series of the Technical Information Papers published by the National Archives. The report explores the potential application of expert systems technology to archival programs and processes. It alerts archivists to a technology successfully used in business, government, and the scholarly community and describes some ways in which it might be used to improve archival administration. Expert systems are computer programs that help humans complete a task, solve a problem, or make a decision that requires reasoning. In a typical application, an expert system considers a problem, examines relevant knowledge stored in the system, "reasons" about the problem, and then recommends a course of action.

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL NEWS

Expert Systems Technology and Its Implications for Archives distinguishes expert systems from conventional programs and describes the process used to develop these new systems. The report concludes by evaluating the potential usefulness of this new technology in the management of archives, including benefits for archivists ranging from greater productivity to increased consistency in decision-making. A limited number of copies of the report are available without charge to members of the archival community. To request a copy, contact the Archival Research and Evaluation Staff (NSZ) at (202) 501-5540 or write to: Archival Research and Evaluation Staff (NSZ), National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408. (National Archives, May 16, 1991)

BIOGRAPHICAL GUIDE TO ALABAMA LITERATURE PLANNED

A Biographical Guide to Alabama Literature project is intended to produce a one-volume publication that will be an authoritative reference book, helpful guide, and accessible handbook on belletristic works by Alabamians or about Alabama from the late 18th-early 19th century to the present. The volume will consist of an introductory essay on Alabama literature; biographical, bibliographical and critical descriptive entries on approximately 500 nationally published writers; and an index of literary works, literary genre or type, and geographical regions and political subdivisions of the state. Coeditors Bert Hitchcock of Auburn University and Elaine Hughes of the University of Montevallo seek interested, qualified scholar-contributors who will write one or more entries on individual writers. Contact Bert Hitchcock, English Department, Auburn University, Auburn University, AL 36849-5203, 205-844-4620, or Elaine Hughes, Station 6501, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL 35115-6000, 205-665-6504. (The Southern Register, Spring 1991)

AFRICAN AMERICAN PROJECT REQUESTS ASSISTANCE

African-American Newspapers and Periodicals: A National Bibliography and Union List is a four-year project to catalog the large collection of African American newspaper and periodical materials at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, as well as any held by other libraries. The project is expected to result in a two-volume work detailing up to 4000 publications, to be published in four years with a format similar to Native American Periodicals and Newspapers, 1828-1982 (Greenwood, 1984), edited by Danky. Any library, society, or publisher interested in contributing should contact either Hady or Danky at the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State St., Madison, WI 53706-1482; 608-262-8032; FAX 608-262-5554. (Library Journal, May 1, 1991)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS TECHNICAL PUBLICATIONS PLANNED

A two-year project funded by a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) will produce five additional titles in NAGARA's Local Government Records Technical Publications Series (LGRTPS). The publications series is being developed under the guidance of NAGARA's Local Government Records Committee, chaired by Tyrone Butler, deputy commissioner of the New York City Department of Records and Information Services. The project director is A.K. Johnson, Jr., former executive director of NAGARA/NASARA, and Jane Weldon of Atlanta will serve as series editor. The primary audiences for the publications are counties, municipalities, school systems, authorities, special boards, commissions and other units of local government who, because of size and limited resources, have difficulty in developing programs to efficiently manage their records. Titles planned in the series are: The Management of Local Government Public Records on Limited Resources, the Daily Management of Paper-Based Records, Protecting the Public Records of Local Governments, The Use of Microfilm by Local Governments, and The Application of Computer Technology to Local Government Public Records Systems. (NAGARA Clearinghouse, Spring 1991)

SAC REPORT

Rickey Best has arranged a SAC breakfast for September 27 at 7:30 a.m. during the SAA annual meeting. No room has yet been assigned. Check your final program for the location of the breakfast and plan to attend.

Program planning for the 1992 SAC meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, is well underway. Tentative plans are to offer two preconference workshops: one on records management, and one on arrangement and description. Program topics include documenting southern religion, historical archaeology, news archives, automation, and of course, county music. There will be opportunities to tour Nashville area archives, and free time to explore Nashville also. Mark your calendars now for May 13-15, 1992!

GRANTS RECEIVED/AWARDED

Amon Carter Museum of Western Art, Fort Worth, TX, has been awarded a grant of \$58,548 to implement an archival program complementing an existing records management program. In addition, the papers of several prominent American photographers will be processed.

City of Greensboro, NC, has received a grant of \$13,866 to microfilm and catalog the permanently valuable records of the city council.

Clemson University, Clemson, SC, has been awarded a grant of \$71,689 with \$15,190 matching, to arrange describe, and selectively microfilm approximately 630 cubic feet of textile records dating from 1879 to 1988.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, MS, has been awarded a grant of \$94,139 to conduct a MARC cataloging program, which will result in a union catalog for all of the archival materials held by the department's Archives and Library Division. The records will also be loaded into the Mississippi Union Catalog and into a national database.

South Carolina Historical Society, Charleston, SC, has received a grant of up to \$3,080 to hire a consultant to review current descriptive policies and to make recommendations concerning increased access to the society's manuscript collections.

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, has been awarded a grant of up to \$5,000 to hire a consultant to provide assistance in developing a preservation and access plan for television newsfilm materials held by the University's Southwest Film/Video Archives.

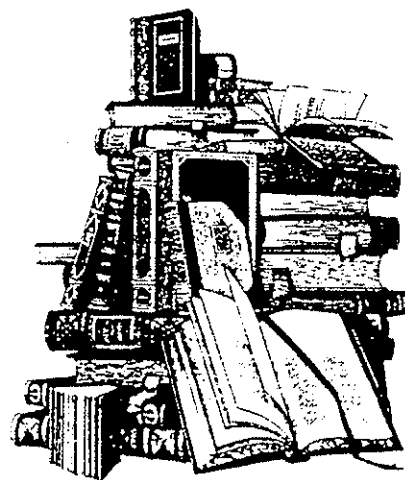
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will receive a \$750,000 challenge grant from NEH for the Academic Affairs Library, to support endowment of acquisitions in Latin-American, Soviet, Eastern European, African, African-American, and Women's Studies, as well as Southern literature and history; and to address needs in special collections and preservation programs.

Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, VA, has been awarded a grant of \$34,494, contingent on the availability of additional fiscal year 1991 grant funds, to process, microfilm, and develop a guide to the T.T. Perry Collection, comprising historical manuscripts and records documenting western Virginia and eastern West Virginia in the period from the mid-eighteenth century to the mid-twentieth century.

NHPRC AWARDS FELLOWSHIPS FOR 1991-92

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) has announced the awarding of three archival fellowships for 1991-92. The fellowships are intended to expand administrative training opportunities for professional archivists with two to five years of experience. NHPRC fellows participate in a variety of daily administrative and managerial activities, from personnel concerns and budget planning and implementation to long-range planning and the development of procedures and policies.

Host institutions and their fellows are: Oregon Office of the Secretary of State, Archives Division, Salem, Oregon: Albert C. Minnick will work with State Management Council, assist in appraising holdings, and examine the impact of a move to a new facility; Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles, Film and Television Archive, Los Angeles, California: Lisa D. Kernan will serve as administrative assistant to the archives director and will work in the areas of collection development, user database development, foundation activities, and future development of a publications program; Delaware Department of State, Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, Bureau of Archives and Records Management, Dover, Delaware: Gail E. Farr will work directly with technical, personnel, budget, and management issues and will serve on the administrative staff of the state archivist.



CONSERVATION NEWS

JOHN HOPKINS BEGINS MASS DEACIDIFICATION PROJECT

On May 8, Johns Hopkins University's Milton S. Eisenhower Library in Baltimore signed a contract with Akzo, a Netherlands based chemical corporation, to begin mass deacidification to preserve books in its library collection. Library officials hope that ultimately 2.1 million books in the collection will undergo this chemical process of treating books with diethyl zinc (DEZ) in a vapor deacidification process developed in the 1970s for the Library of Congress.

The contract agreement calls for Johns Hopkins to make monthly shipments to Akzo between June 1, 1991, and May 31, 1992, a commitment totaling \$40,000. The library will send approximately 4000 books the first year, representing the foreign language books published in paperback in Second and Third World countries. These books are printed on highly acidic paper in limited print runs and would, therefore, be the hardest to replace. Deacidification of each book will cost about \$9.75, plus another \$1 for shipping. Even with shipping costs, deacidification is a more cost-effective preservation method than the standard photocopying or microfilming that costs upwards of \$70 per book. (*Library Journal*, June 15, 1991)

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS REPORTS STATUS OF MASS DEACIDIFICATION PROGRAM

The Library is moving ahead with its plans to preserve its collections using commercially available mass deacidification technologies. The program's goal is to process 1 million books a year and extend the life of new books at least 300 to 500 years by neutralizing acid and depositing an alkaline reserve to protect them from deterioration. It will take 20 years to process the books in the Library's general and law collections and all incoming books. A panel of experts is evaluating proposals for a five-year contract which LC hopes to sign in summer 1991. (*LC Information Bulletin*, May 6, 1991)

MELLON GRANT TO SUPPORT MASS DEACIDIFICATION ROUND TABLE

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded a grant to the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) to sponsor a round table on mass deacidification. The two day invitational planning meeting will be held September 12-13, 1991, at NEDCC's headquarters in Andover, Massachusetts. Participation is limited to ten members of the Association of Research Libraries, which is cooperating in the event. The keynote speaker will be Richard DeGennaro and Roy E. Larsen, Librarian of Harvard College and Former Commission board member. Organizers of the meeting will publish the central papers and discussion as a book, edited by Dr. Peter G. Sparks, who is coordinating the program. (*The Commission on Preservation and Access*, June 1991)

NAGARA REPORT ON LIGHT MEASUREMENT AND EXHIBITED MATERIALS

Light is radiant energy, some of which the human eye is able to perceive. Measured in wavelengths, the eye can see from 400-760 nanometers. On either side of the visible light spectrum, shorter wavelengths (higher frequencies) of near ultraviolet (360-400 nanometers) and longer wavelengths (lower frequencies) of near infrared (760-1000 nanometers) are present in building interiors. The more energetic frequencies, from ultraviolet through violet and blue green of the visible light, are most harmful to sensitive objects.

When paper is exposed to light and absorbs this energy, a chemical change (photochemical damage) to the paper can result in fading of pigments and dyes, darkening, discoloration and loss of physical strength. The amount of damage light inflicts depends on the intensity and length of time of exposure, and type of light source. Light intensity is measured in foot candles (fc) or lux. One fc equals approximately 10 lux. Exposure at 20 fc for 12 hours is equivalent to exposure at 12 fc for 20 hours, both being equivalent to 240 fc/hours.

As a result of this risk to materials, it is strongly advised that photosensitive materials like papers be displayed in very low light intensities and not be exhibited for a lengthy period of time. Five fc has been suggested as the maximum level for paper exposure. Daylight contains near ultraviolet radiation at levels which can be so high that unprotected paper can be perceptively damaged within a short time. An excellent discussion of the issue, which combines aesthetic considerations with conservation requirements, is found in "Technics: Natural Light in Museums: An Asset or a Threat" by Steven Weintraub and Gordon Anson in *Progressive Architecture*, May 1990, pages 49-54. For a full discussion of the effects on and protection of paper from natural, fluorescent and incandescent lighting, see Anne Clapp's *Curatorial Care of Works of Art on Paper*, pages 33-40. (*NAGARA Clearinghouse*, Winter 1991)

CONSERVATION NEWS

NCLIS REQUESTS STATES TO USE ALKALINE PAPER

The National Commission On Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) has requested all state governors and state librarians to inform them of their progress regarding the use of permanent paper. In March 1991, Charles E. Reid, Chairman of the U.S. NCLIS, sent a letter to all states urging them to use alkaline paper. NCLIS will assemble the information in a report to the President and Congress, which will describe the status of state level implementation of the national policy on permanent paper (Public Law 101-423). (The Commission on Preservation and Access, June 1991)

PRESERVATION ARTICLE WINS AWARD FROM ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICAL PLANT ADMINISTRATORS

"The Library Environment and the Preservation of Library Materials," by Carolyn L. Harris and Paul N. Banks, has been selected as the winner of the 1991 Rex Dillow Award for outstanding article by the Professional Affairs Committee of the Association of Physical Plant Administrators of Universities and Colleges (APPA). The award will be presented on July 23 at APPA's Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida. The article first appeared in the Fall 1990 issue of Facilities Manager and is now reprinted in Preservation of Library and Archival Materials, a compilation of presentations from the seminar on environmental conditions for housing library and archival materials, held February 28 - March 1, 1991, in Washington, D.C. That seminar was sponsored jointly by APPA and the Commission. The compilation is available for \$28 to APPA member institutions and for \$35 to non-members (includes postage and shipping). Send check with order to APPA Publications, P.O. Box 753, Waldorf, MD 20604. (The Commission on Preservation and Access, June 1991)

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA LIBRARIES GIFT SUPPORTS PRESERVATION

George A. Smathers, former U.S. Senator from Florida and University of Florida alumnus, has just donated an endowment trust of \$20 million for materials acquisitions and preservation for the libraries. According to The Chronicle of Higher Education, Smathers' gift is among the ten or so largest donations ever given to a public university. In addition to using the endowment for acquisitions, the University of Florida libraries will also use the Smathers money for electronic storage equipment and preservation projects. (Library Journal, June 15, 1991)

REPORT ON THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DEVELOPMENT OF STATEWIDE PRESERVATION AVAILABLE

A report on the National Conference on the Development of Statewide Preservation Programs held March 1-3, 1989, at the Library of Congress is available, while supplies last, for \$15 from the Commission on Preservation and Access. The report was edited by Carolyn Clark Morrow, Harvard's Malloy-Rabinowitz Preservation Librarian, to be a practical tool for states interested in developing preservation plans. Send a check made payable to "Commission on Preservation and Access" to Trish Cece, Communications Assistant, 1785 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 313, Washington, DC 20036-2117. (C&RL News, May 1991)

ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH LIBRARIES INTRODUCES PRESERVATION PROGRAM MODELS

The Association of Research Libraries (ARL) has announced the publication of Preservation Program Models, a report to assist research library directors in their efforts to shape programs that will produce significant advances in preserving North American research collections for current and future use. This report, supported by the H.W. Wilson Foundation, discusses "the ten components of a comprehensive preservation program to which library administrators must give attention," and includes organizational models for preservation programs based on four size grouping of ARL libraries. Copies are available from the ARL Executive Office, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036, for \$20 (\$40 for non-ARL members). (The Commission on Preservation and Access, June 1991)

SAA RECEIVES NEH PRESERVATION GRANT

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) recently awarded the Society of American Archivists a \$645,554 grant for a Preservation Training Program which will train 60 archivists over a three-year period to serve as preservation administrators in institutions across the country. This grant, the largest received to date by SAA, is one of 29 preservation projects in 18 states and the District of Columbia totalling more than \$12 million recently awarded by NEH. (SAA Newsletter, July 1991)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 15, 1991

Oral History Workshop
Mississippi State University,
Starkville, MS

August 17-22, 1991

"Preservation of Photographs"
Seminar cosponsored by the
International Museum of
Photography at George
Eastman House and RIT
Contact: RIT/T&E Seminar
Registration, 50 West Main
St., Rochester, NY 14614
ATTN: Program Registration

August 21-24, 1991

American Association for
State and Local History
Dearborn, MI
Contact: AASLH, 172 2nd
Ave. N, Suite 202, Nashville,
TN 37201-1925

September 6-11, 1991

12th International Congress
on Archives, Montreal
Contact: Claude Minotto,
1945 Mullins Rd., Montreal,
Quebec, Canada H3K 1N9,
514-843-3067

September 20, 1991

2nd Annual Colorado
Archives Day, Sponsored by
the Society of Colorado
Archivists

September 20-22, 1991

Deep South Writers
Conference, University of
Southwestern Louisiana
Lafayette, LA
Contact: Deep South Writers
Conference, USL Box 44691,
University of Southwestern
Louisiana, Lafayette, LA
70504-4691

September 22-28, 1991

Association for Preservation
Technology (APT) Annual
Conference
New Orleans, LA
Contact: 504-525-8320

PUBLICATIONS

Bibliography on Mass Deacidification, a 32 page report by Carole Zimmermann, whose purpose is to reach all audiences interested in the preservation of book and paper materials through mass deacidification. The bibliography provides a broad presentation of available literature, including materials from scientific, library science, and popular works. Order from: Preservation Office, Library of Congress, Madison Building, LM-G21, Washington, DC 20540. Price: Free.

Frederick Stump: The Rest of the Story, by Julia Cook Guice, documents the life of Frederick Stump, a frontiersman, merchant miller, founder of Fredericksburg, farmer, Indian killer, revolutionary patriot, prisoner of war, escaped prisoner, land speculator and tavern keeper. He and his descendants played a definite role in the opening of the frontier and in particular, the settlement of Nashville and Middle Tennessee. Order from: Julia Cook Guice, 126 Seal Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530.

Genre Terms: A Thesaurus for Use in Rare Book and Special Collections Cataloguing, a 90-page paper edition published by ACRL includes a total of 441 terms. The terms are intended for use in MARC field 655, to designate intellectual genres of textual materials. Order from: ALA Publishing Services, Order Department, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611 ISBN: 0-8389-7516-x. Price: \$16.95 ACRL members; \$19.95 nonmembers.

Guide to Archives and Manuscript Collections in Selected Utah Repositories, a full-text infobase where each work is indexed and searchable, is the product of the Utah Historical Records Information System Project designed to survey Utah's repositories, convert the existing catalog records to the standard archives and manuscripts bibliographic format, and enter these records into RLIN. The guide contains descriptions of 12,440 collections. Order from: Utah State Historical Society, 300 Rio Grande, Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1182.

Guide to Documents Relating to French and British North America in the Archives of the Sacred Congregation "de Propaganda Fide" in Rome, 1622-1799 a 250 page finding aid providing a history of the Congregation, the organization of its archives, and a study of projects carried out by the archivists and historians using documents conserved by this institution. A bibliography of publications related to the religious history of the period covered is included. Order from: International Specialized Book Services, Inc., 5602 NE Hassalo St., Portland OR 97213 (Use CCG-P Code: O26701) Price: \$29.95 (Canada), \$39.95 (Outside Canada)

Guide to the Holdings of the Still Picture Branch of the National Archives, compiler Barbara Lew Burger, 176 pages. Order from: National Archives Trust Fund, P.O. Box 100793, Atlanta, GA 30384. Price: \$25.

Leadership for the Future, edited by Bryant F. Tolles, Jr., a volume of essays on the changing directorial roles in American history museums and historical societies. The book gives a look at the director including his image, social responsibilities, and positions within the public sector, as well as his role in collection development, management, conservation, and exhibition and educational interpretation. Order from: AASLH, 172 2nd Ave. N, Suite 202, Nashville, TN 37201-1925. Price: \$20.95.

PUBLICATIONS

Library Buildings and the Loma Prieta Earthquake Experience of October 1989, a 66-page book by David C. Weber, recounting the October 17, 1989 California earthquake that hit Stanford University's Food Research Institute Library. Order from: California State Library Foundation, P.O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA 94237-0001. Price: \$8.95 + \$2 S&H.

Managing Archival And Manuscript Repositories, by Thomas Wilsted and William Nolte, 100 pages. Order from: SAA, 600 S. Federal, Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60605. Price: \$19 + \$3.50 S&H, SAA members; \$25 + \$5 S&H, nonmembers.

Politics and the Support of Libraries, edited by E.J. Josey and Kenneth D. Shearer, addresses the local political environments of public, university, college, community college, and special libraries. Of special interest to academic librarians are contributions on "The State University Library and Its Political Environment," by Benjamin F. Speller Jr.; "The Community College Library and Its Political Environment," by Ngozi Agbim; and "The Private Academic Library and Its Political Environment," by John Lubans Jr. and Sheryl Anspaugh. Order from: Neal-Schuman Publishers, 23 Leonard St., New York, NY 10013 ISBN 1-55570-073-X. Price: \$35.

Preservation Program Models, written by Jan Merrill-Oldam, Carolyn Clark Morrow, and Mark Roosa, the report offers descriptive models for preservation programs including: examination of preservation program components, organization and staffing models for mature preservation programs, benchmarks for personnel, preservation expenditures, and production levels for collections of four different sizes, and case studies illustrating the evolution of preservation programs development within four different ARL libraries. Order from: ARL, 1527, New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036, 202-232-2466. Price: \$20 ARL member, \$40 nonmember.

A Primer for Local Historical Societies, by Laurence R. Pizer, a revised and expanded AASLH guide for groups that rely on volunteer labor and a variety of fund-raising activities. Practical information on organizing, financing, publicity, projects for limited budgets, oral history, site-marking, and tours is included. Information about establishing a historical library, preservation of buildings, restorations, museums, volunteers, and publishing is discussed. Order from American Association for State and Local History, 172 2nd Ave. N., Suite 202, Nashville, TN 37201-1925. Price: \$16.95 + \$3.50 S&H.

"Protecting Collections during Renovations," a brief article by Karen Motylewski published in the Spring 1990 NEDCC News, contains a helpful checklist prepared to alert institutions to common sources of construction-related damage. Order from: Northeast Document Conservation Center, 24 School Street, Andover, MA 01810. Price: Free.

Stewards of Your Past, a series of collection development brochures printed on recycled paper. The "Stewards" brochures are a useful tool for soliciting acquisitions of family papers, organizational records, or company records. Order from: Paul Eisloeffel, Nebraska State Historical Society, P.O. Box 82554, Lincoln, NE 68501, 402-471-4650.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 25-29, 1991

Society of American Archivists
Philadelphia, PA
Preregistration \$115,
members; \$150 nonmembers
Contact: Catherine Mason
312-922-0140

October 6-9, 1991

Southeast Museums
Conference, Jackson, MS

October 9-12, 1991

Western History Association
Austin, TX

October 10-13, 1991

Oral History Association
Salt Lake City, UT
Contact: Richard C. Smith,
Exec. Sec. OHA, 1093
Broxton Ave., #720, Los
Angeles, CA 90024

November 21-22, 1991

Society of Georgia Archivists
Fall Meeting
Atlanta History Center

World War II: The Southern
Homefront

A consortium composed of the National Archives-Southeast Region, Georgia Department of Archives and History, Southern Labor Archives, Kennesaw State College History Department, Clark Atlanta University Historical Society, Georgia World History Association, and Georgia Historical Society are cosponsoring a symposium, "World War II: The Homefront in the South," on May 1, 1992, in Atlanta. The planning committee invites paper or session proposals addressing all facets of the homefront during WWII by December 1, 1991. Send 1-2 page proposals to Dave Hilkert, National Archives, Southeast Region, 1557 St. Joseph Ave., East Point, GA 30344, 404-763-7477.

PUBLICATIONS

Surveillance in the Stacks: The FBI's Library Awareness Program, by Herbert N. Foerstel, traces the recent history of federal library surveillance, documents the media and congressional response to the Library Awareness Program, and discusses the professional and legislative moves that have been taken to safeguard library confidentiality. The book also explores the issues of free speech and inquiry, state confidentiality laws, and confrontation between the FBI and the library profession. Order from: Greenwood Press, 88 Post Road West, Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881 Price: \$39.95.

Taking a Byte Out of History: The Archival Preservation of Federal Computer Records, (House Report 101-978) is a 30-page report submitted to Congress by the Committee on Government Operation which estimates that "75% of all Federal transactions will be handled electronically in the year 2000." The findings of the study and suggested recommendations will be of interest to the broader preservation and access community. Order from: House Document Room, HOB Annex 2, Room B18, 2nd and D Streets, SW, Washington, DC 20515 (include a self-adhesive, self-addressed label) Price: Free.

Untapped Sources: America's Newspaper Archives and Histories, a 101-page report surveying research and research sources on American newspapers, prepared by the Gannett Center for the American Society of Newspaper Editors' Newspaper History Task Force. The report attempts to impress the importance of preserving the newspaper business's institutional memory through reviews of existing research, suggestions for future research, and a selected list of the major newspaper collections. Order from: Gannett Foundation Media Center, Columbia University, 2950 Broadway, New York, NY 10027-7004, 212-280-8392. Price: Free.

"New Teaching Package"

Westward Expansion: 1842-1912, the 12th in the National Archives series of learning packages for upper elementary through secondary school classes, is now available for purchase from SIRS, Inc., Boca Raton, Florida. It is a companion piece to The United States Expands West: 1785-1842, published in 1990. Westward Expansion: 1842-1912 focuses on the role of the Federal Government in supporting westward expansion, the evolution of policy toward Native Americans, leading eventually to their confinement in reservations, and the multicultural character of western settlement. It contains some 45 National Archives documents, a teacher's guide, and slides of the land and Native Americans. For more information or to order, call 1-800-327-0513. (News from the Archives, Spring 1991)

**"ACRL's Rare Books and Manuscripts Section's
Thesauri for Use in Rare Books & Special Collections Cataloging"**

Binding Terms, Paper Terms, Printing and Publishing Evidence, Provenance Evidence, and Type Evidence are included in this special offer. Developed for use in MARC field 755, these thesauri "make the MARC format workable for rare books and manuscript collections". Order from: ALA Order Services Department, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, 1-800-545-2433. Price: \$30.

"U.S. Army Signal Center New Publications"

A Concise History of the U.S. Army Signal Corps, the Signal Corps and the U.S. Army Regimental System, Signal Corps Medal of Honor Recipients, and United States Army Signal Center and Ft. Gordon Historical Documents Collection Guide #1: Manuscripts are available and have been announced by the Command Historian Office at the U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, home of the U.S. Army Signal Corps. The office is preparing a history of Ft. Gordon in commemoration of the installations's 50th birthday. Order from: Command Historian, U.S. Army Signal Center and Ft. Gordon, ATTN" ATZH-MH, Ft. Gordon, Ga 30905-5000, 404-791-5212.

"Environmental Controls Resource Packet"

Conservation Environment Guidelines for Libraries and Archives, an 88-page publication prepared by William Lull and Paul N. Banks is part of an Environmental Controls Resource Packet prepared by the New York State Library's Conservation/Preservation Program. The publication is designed to assist librarians, archivists, records management officers and others with problems of environmental control in collections storage areas. Hold Everything! A Storage and Housing Information Source Book for Libraries and Archives, also in the packet, is a publication of the New York Metropolitan Reference and Research Library Agency (METRO). Order from: Tiffany H. Allen, 10-C-47 Cultural Ed. Center, Albany, NY 12230. Price: \$10. Checks payable to: The University of the State of New York.

ACQUISITIONS AND EXPANSIONS

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE GETS SOME ROOTS

Alex Haley, author of Autobiography of Malcolm X and Roots, announced recently the gift of his personal papers to the Special Collections Department of the University of Tennessee Libraries. Haley's donations include the manuscript of his masterpiece Roots and some of its 37 translations, the manuscript of Autobiography of Malcolm X, and other writing projects which fill four five-drawer filing cabinets. Other materials are expected to be forthcoming. Haley himself will help the staff as they sort through the material and will give a taped commentary on individual pieces of the collection. (Library Journal, June 1, 1991)

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA RECEIVES BARRETT DONATION OF AMERICAN LITERATURE

University of Virginia President John T. Casteen III announced that Clifton Waller Barrett, a University of Virginia alumnus, had transferred ownership of the remainder of his extensive library to the university, which had housed it since 1960. Barrett has been gathering the materials for many years, resulting in one of the most complete collections of first editions and original manuscripts.

According to University Librarian, Ray W. Frantz, Jr., the Barrett Library contains virtually all the fiction, poetry, drama, and essays written by an American in book form from 1775 to 1876, as well as a very nearly complete collection of printed works of every major writer to 1950. The donation also includes correspondence, translations, drafts, annotated proof copies, and other materials. The estimated worth of the collection is \$25 million, making it the largest donation in the University's history. (Library Journal, June 15, 1991)

NEW YORKER "REJECTS" TO NYPL

Faced with a move to new offices, the New Yorker magazine has cleaned out its attic and has donated some 500 boxes of manuscripts, letters, rejection notices, and other documents to the New York Public Library. The writings, which cover the era from 1925 through 1980, involve correspondence between the magazine staff and a number of the more famous literary figures of this century including Tennessee Williams, H. L. Mencken, and S.J. Perlman. It will take up to two years before the collection will be available to scholars because of the many documents in need of preservation. (American Libraries, May 1991)

NATIONAL TRUST RECORDS TO COME TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES

On March 13, Archivist of the United States Don W. Wilson and Dr. Trudy Peterson welcomed the President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Mr. J. Jackson Walter, to the National Archives. Mr. Walter's visit marked the beginning of a long-term relationship between the two agencies in which the National Archives will serve as the official repository for the permanently valuable records of the Trust. Although the Trust is not a Federal agency, it is supported in part by Federal appropriations. It maintains records which pertain to the roles, policies, and transactions of the Trust and of the Federal government as they relate to historic preservation. (News From the Archives, Spring, 1991)

LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY OPENS RESEARCH COLLECTION

Louisiana Tech University has opened a major research collection related to the history and development of the timber industry as well as management and conservation of Louisiana forests in the 20th century. The Forestry Archives contain several collections of primary materials, including office files, correspondence, photographs, and research reports. They are available at the Prescott Memorial Library in Ruston, Louisiana. (C&RL News, May 1991)

VOLCKER COMMISSION FILES TO AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

The working papers of the National Commission on the Public Service have been donated to American University's (Washington, D.C.) Bender library, Department of Archives and Special Collections. Included among the donated materials are correspondence, studies, research reports, meeting records, staff working papers, and recommendations of the National Commission, also known as the Volcker Commission, which had the rather awesome task of studying ways of improving the quality of the federal bureaucracy and the public's perception of it. (Library Journal, May 15, 1991)

ACCESSIONS

Mississippi State University - Special Collections Department - Manuscripts Division

ANDREWS (DANA) COLLECTION. ACCRETION. ca. 2 cu. ft. 1965-1984, n.d.

Addition to this collection consists primarily of plaques, statuary, and other awards commemorating Andrews' career and service activities, 1946-1984. Also included are 1 VHS videotape of Andrews' film Crack in the World, together with 3 videotapes of Crack in the World, Bright Promise, and footage of the cast and director of Bright Promise. Gift of Dr. Clyde Williams.

BALLARD (MICHAEL B.) COLLECTION. ACCRETION. 1861-1865, 1911, 1988, n.d. .58 cu. ft.

Research materials, photographs, photostats, blueprints and manuscripts for *Landscapes of Battle: The Civil War*, text by Michael B. Ballard, photographs by David Muench. Gift of Dr. Michael Ballard. Copyright restrictions may apply.

FIELDS (NORMA) PAPERS. ACCRETION. 1979-1989. 1 cu. ft.

Reports, manuscripts of articles, legislative materials, photographs, clippings, audiotapes, commemorative newspaper issue, and other materials documenting Fields' research and writing, 1970 to the present. Substantial subjects include the history of Tupelo, former Mississippi governor Cliff Finch, the Institute for Technology Development, and women's rights. Also included are tapes of a 1988 interview with Senator John C. Stennis, and of the 1987 Mississippi House Rules debate. Gift of Norma Fields.

FUN'N FLOWERS GARDEN CLUB (STARKVILLE) RECORDS. .16 cu. ft. 1975-1980.

Yearbooks, scrapbook, letter, programs, and clippings documenting the activities of the Club, organized in Starkville in 1975, for the purpose of stimulating knowledge and love of gardening. The organization disbanded in 1980. Donated by Mrs. Tommy Henderson.

GRISHAM (JOHN) PAPERS. 7.5 cu. ft. 1987-1991.

Papers include manuscript versions of John Grisham's first novel *A Time to Kill*, as well as articles, posters, and a sign. Also included are legislative files, including correspondence, legal materials, reports, bills, legislative summaries, and other materials produced and collected by Grisham during his legislative term 1987-1991, as well as materials pertaining to Grisham's election and constituency. Gift of John Grisham. Partially restricted.

Lauren Rogers Museum of Art

FOX FAMILY PAPERS. 1920s-1950s. 5 cu. ft.

The collection consists of personal and business papers from the Fox family that operated the Fox mill near present day Overt. Included are business ledgers of timber cut, board feet of lumber produced, wages, etc. The family records consist mostly of correspondence, newspaper clippings, and receipts from local businesses.

University of Mississippi

BROADSIDE (PRINTED). November 14, 1835.

"Notice for Registering and Locating Claims Under the Provisions of the Treaty Made with the Choctaw Indians at Dancing Rabbit Creek." Signed George W. Martin.

BROADSIDE (PRINTED). ca. 1864. (CONFEDERATE IMPRINT, UNRECORDED)

"Citizen, as well as Brig. General Chambers." Oxford, Mississippi. Folio Broadside. Houry complains that Chambers did nothing to protect northern Mississippi from General Hatch and the Federal Army.

DOUGLAS (ELLEN) PAPERS. ACCRETION. 3 li. ft.

Typescript and holograph drafts, proofs, correspondence, etc., for her novel Can't Quit You Baby along with galleys to The Magic Carpet and Other Tales. Galleys, autograph notes and typescripts for the reissue of Black Cloud, White Cloud. Includes deposited and purchased materials.

ACCESSIONS

FAULKNER (WILLIAM) PAPERS. ACCRETION.

TLS to his mother "Moms." N.P., N.D., 1 page. Legal document signed. Performance contract for "Light in August" to Robert Ford and Zachary Scott. June 15, 1959. Gift of Howard Rayfiel.

HANNAH (BARRY) PAPERS. ACCRETION, 1 li. ft.

Approximately 600 pages of holograph and typescript drafts and corrected galleys for Hannah's novel Boomerang.

HOLMES (DR VERNER S.) PERSONAL PAPERS

Twice president of the Board of Trustees. Among his papers are a complete set of board minutes of College board 1956-1980 and several interviews with other board members and public officials, covering a wide range of issues bearing on higher education in Mississippi since World War II. Also, this contains important primary source material on the Meredith Crisis, including a lengthy unpublished interview with James Silver, and the telegram sent by Attorney General Robert Kennedy to members of the Mississippi Board of Trustees. Gift of Dr. Verner S. Holmes.

SETTLE FAMILY LETTERS. 1860-1863. 12 Items.

Mainly deals with the Civil War (e.g., The Corinth Rifles and the Jefferson Davis Rifles.) Gift of Mr. John Baker.

YOUNG (STARK) PAPERS. ACCRETION.

Two typescript versions of Stark Young's romantic comedy Belle Isle (produced and published as Artemise) and 133 Stark Young TLS's and ALS's together with twenty ALS's and TLS's from Ellen Glasgow. An important group of 62 letters from Southern authors responding to Stark Young's editorship of a Southern Treasury of Life and Literature. Included among the correspondents are Allen Tate, Donald Davidson, Julia Peterkin, Katherine Anne Porter, and Duboise Heyward. Gift of Professor Emeritus John Pilkington, Jr.

Mississippi Department of Archives and History

Manuscript Collection

CANTON AND CARTHAGE RAILROAD COMPANY MINUTE BOOK. 1929-1942. .33 cu. ft.

Minute book of the Canton and Carthage Railroad Company, Canton, Mississippi, from 1929 to 1942. Presented by Larry Hollis, Jackson, Mississippi.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (MAGNOLIA STATE CHAPTER) RECORDS. 1969-1971. .66 cu. ft.

Two scrapbooks of the Magnolia State Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution from 1969 to 1971. Presented by Elois Dickson, Jackson, Mississippi.

DIXON (R. L.) AND FAMILY PAPERS. 1857; 1860-1865; 1867; 1869; 1870; n.d. .33 cu. ft.

Included are photocopies of typescripts of correspondence and copy prints of photographs of various members of the R. L. Dixon family of Jackson and Greenville, Mississippi. Of interest is an image of Mammy Burns taken at Yazoo City, Mississippi. Presented by E. Dixon Heise, San Francisco, California.

HEARN (DAVID RUSSELL) AND FAMILY PAPERS. ACCRETION. 1920. .10 cu. ft.

Form letter dated October 26, 1920, from James K. Vardaman, Jackson, Mississippi, to David Russell Hearn, Madison Station, Mississippi, strongly urging Hearn to vote against a proposed amendment to the 1890 Mississippi Constitution that would make the office of levee commissioner elective rather than appointive. Presented by Mrs. Power Hearn, Ridgeland, Mississippi.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD RECORDS. 1880s-1890s. 1 cu. ft.

Included are conductors' registers for north- and south-bound freight and passenger trains on the Illinois Central Railroad. Provenance unknown.

ACCESSIONS

KEARNEY (BELLE) LETTER. 1925. .10 cu. ft.

Letter of condolence dated May 16, 1925, written by State Senator Belle Kearney, Jackson, Mississippi, to Ben Jones, [s.l.], in response to an unnamed tragedy that claimed the lives of Jones' sister and Professor Walter Kirkpatrick. Presented by Laura Boddie Bowers, Canton, Mississippi.

KEEP MISSISSIPPI BEAUTIFUL, INC., RECORDS. ACCRETION. 1974-1991. .66 cu. ft.

Record of contributions to Keep Mississippi Beautiful, Inc., from the 1974 to 1991. Presented by Jim Buck Ross, Jackson, Mississippi.

KIMMONS (JOHN H. AND ROBERT F.) PAPERS. 1890-1898; n.d. .33 cu. ft.

Correspondence, legal and financial papers, and other records of attorneys John H. Kimmons of Oxford, Mississippi, and Robert F. Kimmons of Water Valley, Mississippi, from 1890 to 1898. Presented by the Water Valley Public Library, Water Valley, Mississippi.

LEFLORE (GREENWOOD) PROMISSORY NOTE. 1851. .10 cu. ft.

Promissory note of Greenwood LeFlore dated January 24, 1851, payable in the amount of \$15.00 to the Yalobusha Baptist Association for the purpose of erecting a female seminary in Grenada, Mississippi. Presented by Marilyn Hinton Moore, Jackson, Mississippi.

MABUS (RAY) INAUGURAL COMMITTEE RECORDS. 1987-1988. .33 cu. ft.

Bound compilation of records documenting the activities of the committee that successfully planned the inauguration of Governor-elect Ray Mabus in 1988. Presented by the Ray Mabus Inaugural Committee, Jackson, Mississippi.

MALLEY (W. L., MRS.) PAPERS. 1931-1933; n.d. .33 cu. ft.

Correspondence and other records documenting the involvement of Mrs. W. L. Malley of Merigold, Mississippi, in the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Mississippi, during the early 1930s. Provenance unknown.

MAYO (BETTIE BLACK) CIVIL WAR DIARY. 1863-1865; n.d. .33 cu. ft.

Bettie Black was born in Arkansas, but little else is known of her life prior to the time that she was living at the plantation of her uncle and aunt, J. S. and Martha J. Richardson, near Graysport, Mississippi, in 1863. She later married James Mayo of Marvell, Arkansas. James Mayo was a realtor in partnership with L. J. McKinney. Bettie Black Mayo's birth and death dates are unknown. The Bettie Black diary provides an articulately written account of plantation life on the Confederate home front in the Graysport, Mississippi, area during the year 1863. Included in the diary are many references to the inconveniences and hardships experienced by Bettie Black and various members of the Richardson family as a result of the Union blockade; engagements of Union and Confederate troops at Grenada, Jackson, Vicksburg, and elsewhere in Mississippi during 1863; Black's impressions of Confederate military and political events or issues, the knowledge of which she would have either gained first-hand or gleaned from contemporary newspaper accounts; her concern for the welfare of her brothers and cousins serving in the Confederate army; various social activities involving Black and the Richardson family, friends, and Confederate officers; her preoccupation with various household tasks, especially sewing and weaving; and evidence of the interaction of Black and various members of the Richardson family with their slaves. The diary contains scattered entries documenting Bettie Black's activities for the years 1864 and 1865. A section of the diary was also reserved for a scrapbook of poetry clipped from contemporary newspapers. Included with the diary is a manuscript copy of a poem composed by Pearl Rivers (Eliza Jane Poitevent) entitled "True to the Gray." Purchased from Cather and Brown Books, Birmingham, Alabama.

MCELROY (W. L.) AND FOREST PRATHER LETTER. 1918. .10 cu. ft.

Letter dated April 23, 1918, written by W. L. McElroy and Forest Prather of Baldwyn, Mississippi, to Aviator Lieutenant Lewis and Mechanic Wilson, Camp Millington, Tennessee, thanking them for their recent flight to Baldwyn in conjunction with a local Liberty Loan war bond rally during World War I. Presented by William Burton Lewis, Jackson, Mississippi.

MONTGOMERY (WILLIAM A.) DIARIES. 1864-1870; 1875-1877; 1882. n.d. .33 cu. ft.

Four diaries of William A. Montgomery, a lawyer, legislator, planter, and soldier from Edwards, Mississippi, who served as a captain in the Confederate Army and a colonel in the United States Army during the Spanish-American War. Presented by William David Montgomery, Edwards, Mississippi, et al.

ACCESSIONS

NORMAN (CORA E.) PAPERS. 1976-1991. .33 cu. ft.

Correspondence, memoranda, and other records of Mississippi Humanities Council director Cora E. Norman, who has served as a Mississippi advisory committee member to the United States Commission on Civil Rights since 1976. Presented by Cora E. Norman, Jackson, Mississippi.

POLK (JAMES K.) PLANTATION RECORDS. 1905; 1920; n.d. .10 cu. ft.

Extracts of deed records and plat maps documenting successive ownership of various parcels of land formerly comprising the Yalobusha County, Mississippi, plantation of President James K. Polk. Presented by Mrs. Frank E. Everett, Jr., Vicksburg, Mississippi.

SARGENT FAMILY ALBUM. n.d. .33 cu. ft.

Extensive album of photographs of portraits and photographs of various Sargent and allied family members, many of whom first came to prominence in Massachusetts. Included are images of Winthrop Sargent, John Murray, Judith Sargent Murray, Adam Lewis Bingaman, Julia Maria Murray, Epes Sargent, Lucius Manlius Sargent, John Singer Sargent, and many others. Also included are images of the residences of various Sargent family members; Sargent family coats-of-arms; and Sargent family genealogical charts. An undated letter written by Winthrop Sargent of Haverford, Pennsylvania, pasted in the front of the album indicates that he assembled the album and that it was intended for presentation to Miss Compton. Presented by Anne Gwin Vaughan, Natchez, Mississippi.

SHERWOOD (S. B.) LETTER. 1853. .10 c.f.

Letter dated November 2, 1853, written by S. B. Sherwood, Warrenton, Mississippi, to Anna [Sherwood ?], [s.l.], concerning the 1853 yellow fever epidemic at Warrenton. Presented by Richard H. Ellis, Huntington, New York.

SHONGALO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (VAIDEN) RECORDS. RESTRICTED. 1835-1967. 12 film positive microfiche. .10 cu. ft.

Microfiche copies of minute books and other records of the Shongalo Presbyterian Church, Vaiden, Mississippi, from 1835 to 1967. Presented by the Shongalo Presbyterian Church, Vaiden, Mississippi.

SIBLEY (B. N.) LETTER. 1936. .10 cu. ft.

Letter dated August 16, 1936, written by B. N. Sibley, San Diego, California, to his mother Florence Sibley, Yazoo City, Mississippi, advising that he was no longer serving on the U. S. S. Portland and would soon be sailing to Norfolk, Virginia, on the U. S. S. Nitro. Presented by Mrs. C. A. Weller, Jackson, Mississippi.

YATES HOSPITAL (PHILADELPHIA) RECORDS. RESTRICTED. 1950s. 2 cu. ft.

Card file of patient records from the Yates Hospital, Philadelphia, Mississippi, during the 1950s. Presented by Mary Margaret Hayden, Greenville, Mississippi.

Graphic Records Collection

BRANDON (NELLIE WAILES) PHOTOGRAPH. ca. 1900. 1 item. .10 l.i.

One 5"x7" black-and-white photograph of Nellie Wailes Brandon. Presented by Mrs. C. S. Wailes, Jackson, Mississippi.

BURWELL HOUSE ARCHITECTURAL DRAWINGS. 1912. 12 items. 1.20 l.i.

Four 15"x23" sheets of architectural drawings and one eight-page set of specifications for the 1912 renovation of the Burwell House, an antebellum home on North State Street, Jackson, Mississippi. Presented by William T. Hetrick, Jackson, Mississippi.

CABINET CARD PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION. ca. 1890. 4 items. 0.40 l.i.

Four 4"x6.50" black-and-white cabinet cards of Dr. and Mrs. Luther Sexton, Battie and Gabie Mathis, and Martin Young. Purchased from Michael Hennen, Jackson, Mississippi.

CAPITOL STREET FLOOD (1914) PHOTOGRAPH. 1991. 1 item. .10 l.i.

One 8"x10" black-and-white copy print of the flood waters on Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi, in March of 1914. Presented by J. C. Welman, Jefferson City, Missouri.

ACCESSIONS

"CARTOGRAPHER'S CONTEMPLATION" PHOTOGRAPH. 1991. 1 item. .10 l.i.

One 8"x10" color photograph of Bryn Bernard's painting entitled "Cartographer's Contemplation" that was commissioned by the Stennis Space Center for display at the center. Presented by Bryn Bernard, Woodbury, New Jersey.

CHOCTAW INDIAN BASKET MAKERS PHOTOGRAPHS. 1990. 2 items. .20 l.i.

Two 5"x7" black-and-white photographs of Choctaw Indian basket makers Melvin Henry and Susan Denson at the Mississippi Crafts Center. Presented by Dan Overly, Ridgeland, Mississippi.

CIVIL WAR ETCHINGS COLLECTION. ca. 1865. 29 items. 3 l.i.

Twenty-nine etchings of Civil War events including cave life in Vicksburg and the Vicksburg Canal. Printed by Porter and Coates, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Transferred from the Mississippi Department of Archives and History library subject file.

FONGER (HAROLD) PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION. 1942-1944. 42 items. 4.20 l.i.

Forty-two 3.50"x5" black-and-white photographs (identified) of the World War II prisoner-of-war camps that were located at Clinton and Greenwood, Mississippi. The photographs were taken by prison guard Harold Fonger. Presented by Terrence J. Winschel, Vicksburg, Mississippi.

POSTCARD COLLECTION. 1906-1910. 117 items. 11.70 l.i.

Fifty-three black-and-white postcards and sixty-four color postcards of Mississippi scenes. Presented by Mrs. Davenport Mosby, Jackson, Mississippi.

POSTCARD COLLECTION. ca. 1937-1952. 69 items. 6.90 l.i.

Sixteen black-and-white and fifty-three color postcards of Mississippi scenes. Presented by Eva Hollowell, Jackson, Mississippi.

U. S. S. MISSISSIPPI PHOTOGRAPH. 1990. 1 item. .10 l.i.

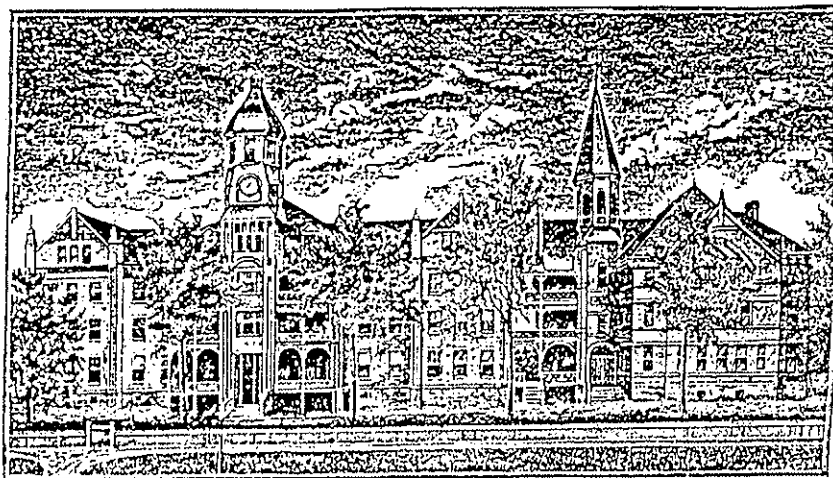
One 8"x10" black-and-white copy print of a 1927 photograph of the U. S. S. Mississippi reproduced from the collections of the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C. Presented by Steven Culver Craddock, Cleveland, Mississippi.

WHITE (COMPTON IGNATIUS) PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION. ca. 1897-1991. 5 items. 0.50 l.i.

One 8"x10" black-and-white photograph (ca. 1897) of an outdoor meat market in Jackson, Mississippi; four 3.50"x5" black-and-white photographs of the White family in 1935; and one 5"x7" copy print of an A. von Seutter cabinet card (ca. 1890) of Vickery Point on the Pearl River in Mississippi. Presented by Compton Ignatius White, Clark Fork, Idaho.

WILLIAMS (E. LOUISE) PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION. ca. 1922-1937. 12 items. 1.20 l.i.

Ten 8"x10" black-and-white photographs (ca. 1937) of the Mississippi State Sanatorium; one 8"x10" photograph (undated) of the Mississippi State Board of Health laboratory; and one 8"x10" group photograph (ca. 1922) of nurses. Presented by Mary W. Hanna, Jackson, Mississippi.



INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE AND COLLEGE, COLUMBUS, MISS.

ACTIVITIES PREFERENCE FORM

Society of Mississippi Archivists

Please indicate at least two SMA committees on which you would like/be willing to serve. You may also use this form to express any definite likes or dislikes.

Name: _____

Daytime phone no.: _____

Committees: (please ✓)

_____ ✓ Education/Program

_____ ✓ Publications

_____ ✓ Membership

_____ ✓ Finance

_____ ✓ Nominating

_____ ✓ Yes, I would like to contribute to The Primary Source.

How? _____

Comments: _____

PLEASE return to: Society of Mississippi Archivists, c/o Mattie Sink, 307 Apache Drive, Starkville, MS 39759

THE SOCIETY OF MISSISSIPPI ARCHIVISTS'
YEARLY MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE DURING MAY 1991
PLEASE COMPLETE THE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL APPLICATION,
ENCLOSE WITH THE MEMBERSHIP DUES, AND MAIL TO:

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR
SOCIETY OF MISSISSIPPI ARCHIVISTS
P.O. BOX 1151
JACKSON, MS 39205

RENEWAL APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

STUDENT.....\$3.00
INDIVIDUAL.....\$7.50
INSTITUTIONAL.....\$15.00
PATRON.....\$25.00
and more